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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

Drought response report looks at condition of the state's groundwater basins

The status of California's groundwater basins is detailed in a new report from DWR. [Public Update for Drought Response](#) has information on groundwater level changes, potential water shortages, land subsidence, and gaps in groundwater monitoring. Collectively, groundwater basins are the state's largest reservoir, 10 times the size of all its surface reservoirs combined. Details are available in a DWR [news release](#).



Free webinar offers overview of California's new groundwater laws

In anticipation of the [Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#) taking effect next month, the Groundwater Resources Association of California is offering a [free webinar](#) on the new law. Speakers will provide an overview of the legislation, legal implications, and challenges of implementation. The webinar will be Wednesday, Dec. 10.



Federal agencies create climate toolkit to help U.S. communities

A group of federal agencies has put together the [U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit](#). It offers information on a five-step process that begins with communities identifying their climate-related risks, and leads to them finding ways to improve their resilience.

Two councils teaming up to promote integrated regional planning efforts

The [California Biodiversity Council](#) (CBC) has [adopted a resolution](#) to help implement integrated regional planning. The council has agreed to work with the [Strategic Growth Council](#) on a framework that links regional development planning with regional conservation planning. The CBC's mission is to conserve and sustain California's natural heritage through collaboration among leaders and cooperation across all levels of government.



Correction: Last week's edition included an incorrect date for a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation [meeting](#) on the Sacramento and San Joaquin basins. The correct date is Tuesday, Dec. 9.

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WATER PLAN UPDATE 2013 **SPLASH**

The Splash is a feature of the California Water Plan eNews to spotlight topics from Update 2013 and its Highlights booklet.

Water Plan Roadmap: The [Highlights](#) booklet for [California Water Plan Update 2013](#) includes a section on the Roadmap for Action. It lists the [17 objectives](#) to help California deal with a changing climate and other uncertainties. There is also information on the vision, goals, mission, and guiding principles to set the state on a [strategic path](#) through 2050. Details are available in Volume 1, Chapter 8, "[Roadmap for Action](#)."